PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Alcino Resende de ALMEIDA

Appln. No. 08/859,353

Filed: May 20, 1997

SEAT FOR GATE VALVE For:

Group Art Unit:

APR 1 5 194"

Group 3700

Examiner: K. Lee

PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR \$1.136

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, a two month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action originally due February 10, 1999 is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the requirements under 37 CFR 1.136, attached is a check in the amount of \$380.00 for the two month extension of time. You are authorized to credit any overpayment and charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 as deemed necessary.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Date: April 12, 1999

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